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Partly Cloudy
High: 33, Low: 30

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Internal issues snag USG focus

Student government group reflects on shortcomings, accomplishments of last semester

By Kelly Day
Senior Reporter

"It's important that every student at BGSU know what's going on."

Bernard Little | USG President

At the tail end of fall semester, two of the Undergraduate Student Government's leaders, President Bernard Little and Speaker Jeremy Lehman, had been accused of failing to follow the guidelines of the constitution, with several meetings surrounding the issue. Now, as the USG constitution is reevaluated, some students are concerned USG's focus on internal issues will continue to prevent the

student leaders from resolving campus issues.

But USG Vice President Kristin Kulbis is not concerned that work on the constitution will prevent them from solving important

issues on campus.

"It's not going to hinder our ability to meet students' needs first," she said.

Senior and former USG senator Niki Messmore said the focus on internal issues last semester has already kept USG from getting important work done.

"I think USG has performed below average this year," she said. "[They] unfortunately have been focusing a lot on internal issues."

Lehman, USG speaker, agrees the inward focus has taken up

more time than desired.

"We've had some minor internal issues, and I think that's hampered out ability to focus more toward campus," he said.

But the direction USG has taken is not the only thing they regret. Little was disappointed in the turnout at the State of the Student Body Address in October, a speech meant to inform students about issues that will affect them this school year. With chairs set up for 500 students, less than 100 chairs were filled.

"The attendance wasn't what

we intended," Kulbis said.

The low attendance was one of Little's biggest disappointments of the semester.

"If there were one thing I could do over I would have tried to PR the State of the Student Body Address more," he said. "It's important that every student at BGSU know what's going on."

But some students don't seem to be as informed as they could be about what USG does and their efforts.

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Jesse Jackson answers the call

By Tim Sampson
Reporter

He's been an activist, preacher, diplomat and presidential candidate. The Rev. Jesse Jackson has held many titles over the course of his lifetime and last night he brought more than 40 years of experience lobbying for civil rights to the University.

Jackson's long and distinguished career began as a student protester in the early days of the civil rights movement. In his speech, Jackson said he became an early admirer of Martin Luther King, Jr. for challenging the segregation laws he had grown up under.

"I became fascinated by Rosa Parks and Dr. King and what they were doing," Jackson said. "I said, I'd love to meet that man."

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By Alison Kemp
Features Editor

Many phrases echoed through the Lenhart Grand Ballroom last night as part of the Rev. Jesse Jackson's message to the University community in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.

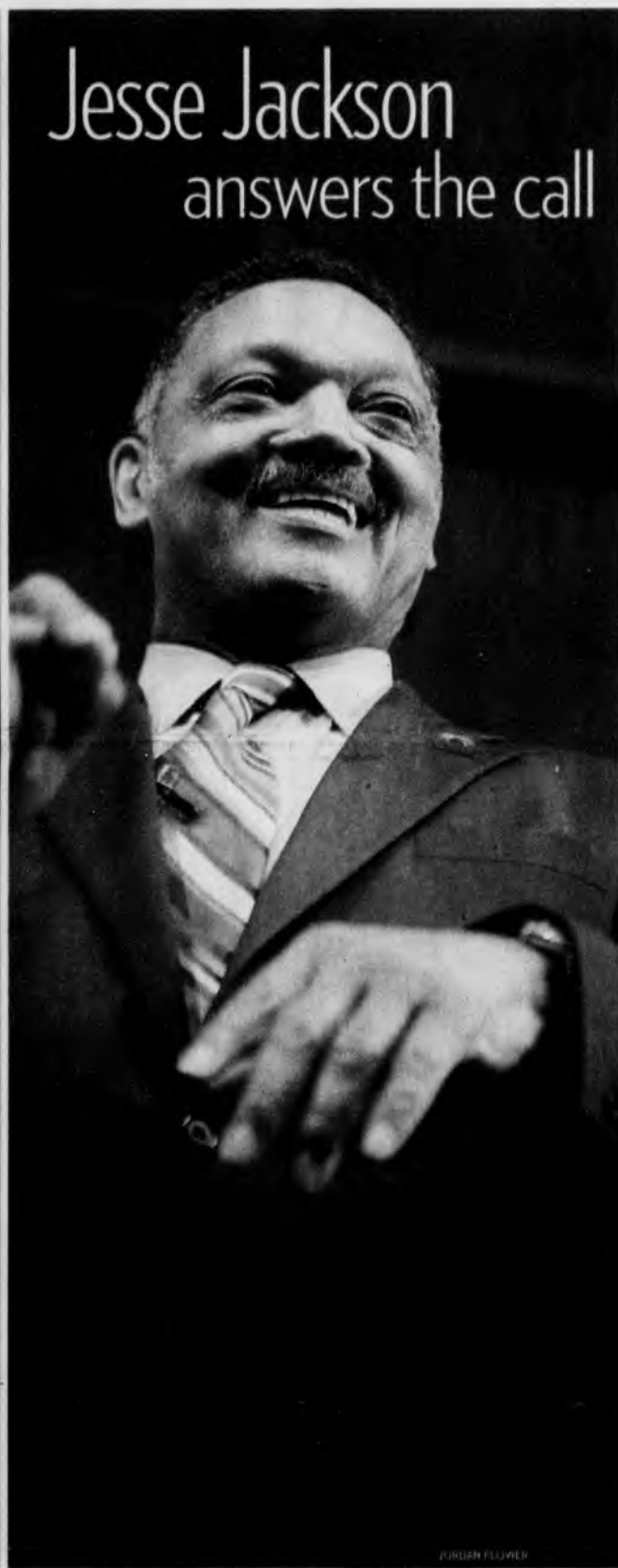
"Everybody matters. Keep hope alive."

And then the audience would repeat.

His key points called for audience participation.

Jackson sang along to the words of a gospel spiritual sung by the University's gospel choir before he began his speech, and then, after wishing King a happy birthday, called the choir over to the stage to teach the audience the words.

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New rules create safer game play

By Ella Fowler
Reporter

Last semester, two students were arrested for disorderly conduct because they were carrying what appeared to be weapons on campus.

They were participating in the game "humans versus zombies," in which students carried Nerf guns around to protect themselves from the "infectious zombies."

The game has now been allowed to be played once again on campus, but with a set of ground rules instated by the players and University Police. It started at 8 a.m. on Jan. 22 and will run until midnight on Jan. 29.

"Not much has changed overall, but things were just refined. We discussed boundaries, and residence halls became off limits," said Atton Smeltzer, junior and a co-founder of the BG Undead organization, which was created by the students who play the game.

University police helped the organization founders set the ground rules.

"We let them create the rules. Then the Chief and I went through them and talked to them about it," said Sgt. Tim James of the University Police Department.

Some of the rules set by students and the University Police Department include: Comply with the police at all times during the game, the game can be played at any spot outdoors on campus, it cannot be played 10 minutes before, during or 10 minutes after class and it cannot be played in residence halls.

The main concern with setting ground rules was the safety of students, visitors and faculty.

"The chief and I am comfortable and confident in the fact that if everyone plays by the rules than everybody will be safe," James said. "This still allows those folks who want to play the game to play. Let's face it, college is supposed to be fun."

But if any player wants to play, they must comply with the rules beforehand.

"You have to agree to the policy before we let you play," said Brian "Tag" Murphy, junior and co-founder of the organization.

The game is played with two teams of humans and zombies. The night before the first day of play, three players will be notified and told they are zombies. All players wear bandanas notifying their status in the game — zombies around the neck and humans in a place that is easily removable. A human becomes infected when a zombie removes their bandanna. Humans are allowed to shoot the zombies with Nerf guns, stunning them for 10 minutes. At the end of the game, if any humans are left, that side wins the game. But if all humans have been eliminated, the zombies win.

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Former BGSU basketball player confesses to theft

By Lisa Halverstadt
City News Editor

A former Falcons basketball player was arrested Monday night on theft and forgery charges.

Lionel Sullivan, a 6-foot-6 redshirt freshman from Detroit, played forward for the BGSU men's basketball team until being dismissed from the team in late December.

Now he's being charged with using another student's BGSU ID to buy an X-Box 360 and two video games at the University Bookstore.



Lionel Sullivan
Former Falcons basketball player, BGSU freshman

According to University police reports, a Falcons football player reported someone had stolen his ID before winter break. After getting a new ID, he tried to buy textbooks on Jan. 9 and got an unpleasant surprise — he didn't have enough money in his account to pay for the books.

A bookstore manager told the

athlete that someone used the ID to buy a gaming system and two video games, Madden NFL '07 and NBA 2K7, leaving him with only \$47.32 on his \$600 account. He told the cashier he didn't buy these items.

After they suspected Sullivan might have been involved in the theft, police visited Sullivan's dorm on Jan. 13. An officer noticed all three of these items in his room.

On Jan. 18, a detective talked to Sullivan on the phone about the case.

Initially, Sullivan denied buying the gaming system or the

games, but he eventually confessed.

Sullivan told the detective he and the football player were walking to class before winter break when the other student's BGSU ID fell out of his pocket. Sullivan said he picked up the card and shopped at the University Bookstore that day, police reports say.

On Monday, Sullivan refused to bring the items to the campus police station and told the officer to come to his dorm to get the games.

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BLOTTER WEDNESDAY

8:25 A.M.
Vehicles reported damaged in Lot 6.

8:55 A.M.
Craig R. Daniels Jr., 34, of Bowling Green, arrested on a warrant for his arrest on menacing by stalking and telephone harassment charges at his South Main Street apartment. Police went to Daniels' home and told him about the charges. He demanded to see a copy of the charges and was told he'd be given a copy of the paperwork. Daniels then tried to slam his door on the police. When an officer prevented him from doing so, he ran into the back of the apartment. Police tackled him in his living room and he continued to resist arrest. Eventually, he was handcuffed and taken to the Wood County Justice Center.

10:02 A.M.
Juvenile at Bowling Green High School on West Poe Road reported to have marijuana.

10:42 A.M.
Vehicles reported damaged in Lot 8.

NOON
Possible invasion of privacy reported

in Kreischer-Compton.

12:36 P.M.
Carol Dallas Bowles, 54, of Melvindale, Mich., arrested for no license and falsification at Interstate 75 and Wooster Street after he was reported putting tires in his van. He was taken to jail and held on \$11,000 bond.

3:20 P.M.
Caller reported receiving an anonymous e-mail indicating bikes were stolen from MacDonald North.

4:01 P.M.
Intoxicated man and woman reported to have left Lot 2 after the woman peed in the parking lot.

8:34 P.M.
Martha Mendieta, 43, of Bowling Green, arrested for criminal trespassing, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest at an East Napoleon apartment complex after she was reported to be intoxicated and banging on a door. Mendieta was taken to jail on \$12,500 bond.

THURSDAY

1:30 A.M.
Mark A. McCray, 22, of Bowling Green, arrested for assault in a North Main Street parking lot. He was lodged in the Wood County Justice Center on \$1,000 bond.

USG

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"Honestly, I don't know of anything USG has ever accomplished, that's not a slam, but I don't remember them ever doing anything," said Ziggy Williamson, senior.

Others question what level of influence the student government has.

"It doesn't seem like they have a huge role in Bowling Green because no one really knows about them, or even who's in the student government," freshman Mike Hahn said.

To Messmore, accomplishing goals is the best way to create student awareness about the government body that represents them.

"They always worry about getting their name out there. If they simply focus on making changes that directly affect students then that PR will be accomplished for them," she said.

Though the semester brought about a few struggles, Little said USG has still made some improvements toward certain

issues, like their open forums intended to inform students on the issues of rollover dollars and the November election.

Little is most proud of his work resolving the issue of the BGI Card and bursarables. When the University was told they were illegally extending the credit of the state, BGSU President Sidney Ribeau was determined to be in compliance with the law as soon as possible.

But Little knew this would be a difficult transition for students and student organizations, and fought to delay the transition.

"We wanted to make sure students were aware and make sure that students were involved in the process," he said.

Little and his team asked Ribeau to wait until May this year to start the new program, which will be a debit system.

"He listened and he was great with this whole thing," Little said.

Little hopes USG will have similar successes this semester. Some of its top priorities include the Pride in BGSU campaign, rewriting the USG constitution and starting a downtown shuttle route.



JORDAN FLOWER | THE BG NEWS

Monkey hanging in cold BG

COOL SWINGING: Shannon Onslow hangs out in a tree on campus in order to raise money for OPAC, the Outdoor Program Adventure Club and squirts an ice-cold water balloon hits her hard. The group does programs like the climbing wall and trips.

B-BALL

From Page 1

and arrested Sullivan for forgery and theft. He was taken to the Wood County Justice Center. A preliminary hearing for the case will be held on Feb. 2.

In an e-mail to The BG News yesterday, Assistant Athletic Director J.D. Campbell declined to comment on the arrest.

"We do not believe it is appropriate to comment on legal matters until a situation is resolved through the appropriate channels both on-campus and off," he wrote.

In the five games he played in this season, Sullivan scored an average of 1.2 points and averaged six minutes on the court per game. His last game was Dec. 9 against Central Arkansas.

Sports Editor John Turner and Assistant Sports Editor Colin Wilson contributed to this report.

ZOMBIES

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The organization, which is called BG Undead, was approved by the Office of Campus Involvement last Friday and stands for Bowling Green United Nerf Defense for the Elimination of the Animated Dead. They hope to hold two human versus zombie games every semester.

One at the beginning of the semester, and one after midterms, Murphy said.

When inquiring about the arrests last semester, Smeltzer assures there are no hard feelings between police and students.

"It was a big oversight the first time on our part; we didn't notify the police first," he said. "All charges against students carrying guns were dropped."

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GET A LIFE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Some events taken from events.bgu.edu

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Tech Trend Series:
Mike Harrington
206 Union

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Friday Early Show:
The Prestige
Union Theater

8 p.m.

Nine Planets and
Counting
112 Physical Sciences Bldg.

Untimed event

Billiards Tournament
Black Swamp Pub

Film reveals tickling threats, students' hard work

By Kyle Reynolds
Reporter

The winners of the 2006 Falcon Film Festival are showing their new film "Doris and Balls: Behind Enemy Mimes," and the buzz around the film is anything but silent.

Sophomores Jimmy Barker and Sean Cruiser are back with another film they're screening in the Union Theater tomorrow afternoon at 2, 4 and 7 p.m. with a panel discussion with the cast and crew at 5:30 p.m.

The two met their senior year of high school in Fairborn, Ohio, which is where they shot their new film with the help of friends

and family.

The idea for the film came after watching a lot of MacGyver over the summer.

"It's about the two most badass cops in the world and their struggle to save the United States from the French Tickler, an evil mime terrorist, while overcoming their own personal struggles," Barker said.

The role of Balls is played by Barker. His friend from home, Micah Kemplin, plays the role of Doris.

Barker knew he wanted to do something in the performing arts but not necessarily film.

"I always wanted to be an entertainer; I've done stuff in music,

written expression, and comedy," Barker said.

Cruiser's interest was originally in comic books.

"I always drew a lot, and wanted to do comics, but it took too long, so I did movies which takes just as long," Cruiser said.

Barker and Cruiser both wrote the script. Barker directed the film and acted in it, while Cruiser shot, edited and did the special effects.

"There are a few elaborate green screen shots that suspend reality," Barker said. "There is a high-speed chase where I jump from one car to another."

The enjoyment of seeing the audience's reaction to the films is

what makes the filmmaking process most worthwhile for Barker.

"It's a lot of fun, but the main reason I do it is for audience response," Barker said. "Once a week someone will notice you from the Falcon Film Festival."

The film will air on the RSA network in February. Barker and Cruiser are also working on a TV series for RSA called Underexposed.

"It's about a filmmaker in college," Barker said. "It's based on situations that actually happened, but more ridiculous than real life. The characters are more exaggerated."

Jim Davis, film instructor, is the adviser for their series,

Underexposed, and says he enjoys working with them.

"They are hard working, creative guys and a lot of fun to work with," Davis said.

Barker and Cruiser both bring different things to the table according to Stefan Hall, film instructor.

"They have different personalities," Hall said. "Jimmy is more of a show man and Sean is a little more on the strategy side of camp. They compliment each other well."

Both of them wish to continue making movies for a living.

"I want to do exactly what we do now, but for credit," Cruiser said.

Gambling on an addiction

By Pam Louwagie
MCT

MINNEAPOLIS — The allure of gambling calls out to Matthew Bowles-Roth wherever he goes. When he drives on the freeway, casino billboards entice him with riches. When he buys cigarettes at the convenience store, lottery tickets shine under the glass counter. When he flips through TV channels, guys his age appear in high-stakes poker tournaments, beaming like movie stars. Each time, Matthew pauses. He can't take that path again. He forces himself to remember what it was like when he did: Lying. Stealing. Dropping out of college.

"There's tons of things that I just wish I had never done," he says now, four years later.

At 22, Matthew has experienced the grip of gambling in a way most people never will. In just three years, he went from someone who had never gambled to compulsive gambler to recovering addict.

He is part of an age group that is drawing increasing concern from gambling-addiction counselors, government regulators and college administrators.

Card playing and Internet gambling have increased



RICHARD TSONG-TAATARI / MCT PHOTO

ALL IN: Matthew Bowles-Roth, a recovering gambler, holds up the ace of spades from Mystic Lake Casino where he played blackjack extensively in Minneapolis, Minnesota, January 8, 2007.

among college-age men in recent years, according to one study in Pennsylvania. And many of them learned the game in high school.

In many cases, "parents are actually strongly encouraging their kids to play poker," said Jeff Derevensky, co-director of the International Centre for Youth Gambling Problems and High-Risk Behaviors at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec.

"They would prefer them to be in their basements playing

poker than doing something 'more dangerous' like drinking and doing drugs."

Research is scant about college-age gambling participation over time. And studies conflict on the question of whether young people are more susceptible to become problem gamblers — some studies say yes, others cast doubt on that premise. Still, researchers are concerned that gambling accessibility could lead to more problems.

Ohio city's alcohol sales sinfully taxing

By Robert Taylor & Andrew
Gaug
U-Wire

KENT, Ohio — In an effort to raise money for the city of Kent, Ohio, local officials are looking into the possibility of a sin tax on alcohol sales.

The tax would probably be 4 cents, City Manager Dave Ruller

said, with the revenue going toward the Kent Department of Public Safety, though what they would fund and how much of it would be implemented has not been set.

While Ohio allows counties to implement sin taxes, if Kent were to apply the extra tax it would be the first tax of its kind in a city.

Barhoppers shouldn't worry

yet; a law prohibiting cities to implement a sin tax would have to be amended for the tax to become a reality, and the state has not voiced any interest yet.

"Our law director wrote our state representative this week to see if they could modify the law to focus on cities," Ruller said. "Right now we are fishing to see what we can get."

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OPINION

"I know my mom would take me to see it. You have to prepare your children for things that happen in the world. Everything isn't rosy."

— Dakota Fanning, 12, on a controversial rape sequence in her new movie, *Hounddog*, from Time.com

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What would you like to see USG do this semester?



"Advertise more about what they do with campus."

RYAN MCDERMOTT, Sophomore, Criminal Justice



"We should be able to smoke outside, no matter what. They should look at that."

ANN SMITH, Sophomore, Education



"What is USG?"

SHANNON POLACEK, Senior, Marketing



"If they did a student poll to ask us what we want."

MERCEDES DAVIS, Senior, Sociology and Ethnic Studies

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STAFF EDITORIAL | CAMPUS POLITICS

Talk less, do more: Let's take a stand on campus

With one semester behind us in the academic year, it's time to look back and evaluate our Undergraduate Student Government.

Voted in to represent the voice of the students, USG is supposed to be taking on the issues affecting campus.

What we at The BG News have seen, however, is a lack of tangible accomplishment. Many ideas and issues have been discussed in front of USG and many promises have been made, but few have been carried out.

The leaders at USG need to realize the full responsibility of their power. Students want to see change on campus, and they voted Bernard Little and Kristin Kublis into office to bring about that change.

We don't mean to put all the pressure on USG, there's an equal amount of blame to be placed on the apathy of our student body. It's hard to listen to the students if they never come to a single USG meeting.

But that is part of the job of the USG senators. With the position comes a prerequisite that you be excited about the issues, excited about change. It's the job of USG to infect the student population with that same excitement.

USG needs to reach out to students, even if they don't seem to want to listen. Senators need to be probing the campus to find out what really matters to students, what they will

get excited about and what they would like to see changed.

It will be a lot of work, but members of USG must remember they are operating on the student's payroll and they have a responsibility to all of us.

There are ways to accomplish this. The BG News would like to encourage USG to set more tangible and specific goals. Goals that can be shared with the student body and goals that can be reached.

There are several chances for USG to do this. Upcoming issues such as the Coalition Against Rising Tuition and the implementing of a downtown shuttle route, provide perfect chances for USG to lay down step-by-step outlines of what they would like to see accomplished.

USG has let down the students this past semester. The sitting leaders still have a chance to make it up to us — there are three months left in the semester. Students need to see changes on this campus and USG should be making them happen.

So USG members please, talk less and do more with the time you have left. Let's see a USG with something to be really proud of.

YOU DECIDE

What would you like to see USG do this semester? Send an e-mail to thenews@bgnews.com and tell us what you think, or post feedback on our Web site.



USG needs a serious makeover

Combining USG and RSA would give students a voice they can actually use



AMANDA HOOVER, OPINION EDITOR

More than 20,000 students currently attend BGSU. With that many minds wandering around, filled with opinion and ideas, it can be hard for any University to know what they can do to keep the student body happy.

That's where the Undergraduate Student Government comes in.

According to the USG mission statement, its goal is to "further the needs of the student body" and to "act with vision, and meet not only the current needs, but future needs of the students" while "provid[ing] opportunities for students to learn, grow, and lead."

But our USG isn't doing that. After a semester of messy internal debates, many students are left wondering what's more important: USG's by-laws or the voices of the students?

Even when they tried to speak to students in their annual State of the Student Body Address, senators and onlookers agreed: The attendance was abysmal.

In an article in The BG News on Jan. 23, several senators discussed their belief that the USG needs to be restructured. While they are proposing a bicameral student congress, similar to our U.S. Congress, I propose a much more dramatic change.

The USG is, in itself a formally useless organization. So why do we still have it? Well, because of what I mentioned earlier: it's hard for the University to hear from 20,000 individual students. It's much easier to hear from one group of student-elected representatives.

My proposal is that we disband the USG and combine it and its duties with our Resident Student Association.

Now stop gasping, it's not

an original idea. Just this past September a private university in Tennessee, Vanderbilt University, did exactly the same thing.

They combined their Student Government Association (the equivalent of our USG) and Interhall (RSA) to form the Vanderbilt Student Government.

An article in the campus newspaper, The Vanderbilt Hustler, the president of Interhall, Devin Donovan explained the need for the change: "Vanderbilt Student Government will take on all of the responsibilities and the services that are currently offered, but it will eliminate the redundancies and inefficiencies that currently exist."

The change will take place for the beginning of the next academic year.

Our University needs to consider the benefits of adopting this change here in BG. The RSA acts as the voice of on-campus students. It governs every Hall Council on campus and does more for students than USG.

And while RSA currently deals with the social aspect of life at the University, it's been very successful in its efforts. Included in its list of accomplishments for this year are three leadership conferences here at BG, two semester start-off events boasting attendance of more than 300 people each and the fact that representatives serving on RSA are all from Hall Councils where students who actually know the candidates have voted them into office.

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And then he called for some repetition once more.

He and the audience chanted, "Nobody has a right to degrade anybody."

Then they said, "You can't beat this school and want lower tuition and not register to vote."

Jackson meant that without voting, change cannot be made, and to make change, Jackson wanted everyone to follow King's legacy: "To act in the courage of your convictions."

So after his speech, he asked for everyone in the audience to come forward. He wanted all of those students to register to vote. Twenty students joined this line, and he told them they would be able to register to vote in the library today at noon.

"I hope that people will go out and register to vote," said junior Kelli Brown.

There is so much pain and hurt in the world, and everyone needs to know about it, she said. That knowledge needs to be passed along and used to vote.

But senior Marcus Thomas is still leery of voting. He believes the electoral college has too much control over the decision of who becomes president. Nonetheless, Thomas still plans on registering to vote; not today, but sometime in the future.

President Ribeau hopes that students will remember Jackson's message about voting and then educate themselves so they are aware of the issues they are voting either for or against.

"We need to do more prior to elections and build on that," Ribeau said.

Jackson also felt strongly about educated voting.

For example, the 18,000 students at the University have a community of interest. They could stand up to fight for what they believe in and witness the power of their vote, Jackson said.



ECHO VARGAS | THE BG NEWS

SHUT OUT: The crowd looks on in admiration as they watch the Reverend Jesse Jackson on a the screen in the Multi-purpose room in the Union. The ballroom was full at's above.

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— Dakota Fanning, 12, on a controversial rape sequence in her new movie.
Hounddog, from Time.com

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What would you like to see USG do this semester?



Advertise more about what they do with campus.

RYAN MCDERMOTT,
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"We should be able to smoke outside, no matter what. They should look at that."

ANN SMITH,
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STAFF EDITORIAL • CAMPUS POLITICS

Talk less, do more: Let's take a stand on campus

With our semester behind us in the academic year, it's time to look back and evaluate our undergraduate student government.

What we at The BG News have seen, however, is a lack of tangible accomplishment. Many ideas and issues have been discussed in front of USG and many promises have been made, but few have been carried out.

The leaders at USG need to realize the full responsibility of their power. Students want to see change on campus, and they voted Bernard Little and Kristin Kabis into office to bring about that change.

We don't mean to put all the pressure on USG. There is an equal amount of blame to be placed on the apathy of our student body. It's hard to listen to the students if they never come to a single USG meeting.

But that is part of the job of the USG senators. With the position comes a prerequisite that you be excited about the issues, excited about change. It's the job of USG to infect the student population with that same excitement.

USG needs to reach out to students, even if they don't seem to want to listen. Senators need to be probing the campus to find out what really matters to students, what they will

get excited about and what they would like to see changed.

It will be a lot of work, but members of USG must remember they are operating on the student's payroll and they have a responsibility to all of us.

There are ways to accomplish this. The BG News would like to encourage USG to set more tangible and specific goals. Goals that can be shared with the student body and goals that can be reached.

There are several chances for USG to do this. Upcoming issues such as the Coalition Against Rising Tuition and the implementing of a downtown shuttle route, provide perfect chances for USG to lay down step-by-step outlines of what they would like to see accomplished.

USG has let down the students this past semester. The sitting leaders still have a chance to make it up to us—there are three months left in the semester. Students need to see changes on this campus and USG should be making them happen.

So USG members please, talk less and do more with the time you have left. Let's see a USG with something to be really proud of.

YOU DECIDE

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USG needs a serious makeover

Combining USG and RSA would give students a voice they can actually use



AMANDA HOOVER
OPINION EDITOR

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That's where the Undergraduate Student Government comes in.

According to the USG mission statement, its goal is to "further[the] needs of the student body" and to "act with vision, and meet not only the current needs, but future needs of the students" while "provid[ing] opportunities for students to learn, grow, and lead."

But our USG isn't doing that. After a semester of messy internal debates, many students are left wondering what's more important: USG's by-laws or the voices of the students?

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In an article in The BG News on Jan. 23, several senators discussed their belief that the USG needs to be restructured. While they are proposing a bicameral student congress, similar to our U.S. Congress, I propose a much more dramatic change.

The USG is, in itself a formally useless organization. So why do we still have it? Well, because of what I mentioned earlier: it's hard for the University to hear from 20,000 individual students. It's much easier to hear from one group of student-elected representatives.

My proposal is that we disband the USG and combine it and its duties with our Resident Student Association.

Now stop gasping, it's not

an original idea. Just this past September a private university in Tennessee, Vanderbilt University, did exactly the same thing.

They combined their Student Government Association (the equivalent of our USG) and Interhall (RSA) to form the Vanderbilt Student Government.

An article in the campus newspaper, The Vanderbilt Hustler, the president of Interhall, Devin Donovan explained the need for the change: "Vanderbilt Student Government will take on all of the responsibilities and the services that are currently offered, but it will eliminate the redundancies and inefficiencies that currently exist."

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"We need a new direction, new priorities," Jackson said.

"This is the time for a change."

And then he called for some repetition once more.

He and the audience chanted, "Nobody has a right to degrade anybody."

Then they said, "You can't beat this school and want lower tuition and not register to vote."

Jackson meant that without voting, change cannot be made, and to make change, Jackson wanted everyone to follow King's legacy: "To act in the courage of your convictions."

So after his speech, he asked for everyone in the audience to come forward. He wanted all of those students to register to vote. Twenty students joined this line, and he told them they would be able to register to vote in the library today at noon.

"I hope that people will go out and register to vote," said junior Kelli Brown.

There is so much pain and hurt in the world, and everyone needs to know about it, she said. That knowledge needs to be passed along and used to vote.

But senior Marcus Thomas is still leery of voting. He believes the electoral college has too much control over the decision of who becomes president. Nonetheless, Thomas still plans on registering to vote; not today, but sometime in the future.

President Ribeau hopes that students will remember Jackson's message about voting and then educate themselves so they are aware of the issues they are voting either for or against.

"We need to do more prior to elections and build on that," Ribeau said.

Jackson also felt strongly about educated voting.

For example, the 18,000 students at the University have a community of interest. They could stand up to fight for what they believe in and witness the power of their vote Jackson said.



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SHUT OUT: The crowd looks on in admiration as they watch the Reverend Jesse Jackson on a screen in the Multi-purpose room in the Union. The ballroom was full at's above.

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HOCKEY

Gilbert unveils blueprint for new team in Cleveland

The Lake Erie Monsters will play at Quicken Loans Arena next year as a farm team for the Colorado Avalanche. See more | Page 7

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TODAY

Hockey:
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Swimming:
at Miami (OH); 5 p.m.

SATURDAY

Hockey:
vs. Alaska; 7 p.m.
Men's basketball:
at Central Michigan; 7 p.m.
Tennis:
at Ohio State; 10 a.m.
Track and field:
at Findlay; 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Women's basketball:
at Eastern Michigan; 4:30 p.m.
Gymnastics:
at Northern Illinois; 2 p.m.
Track and field:
at Findlay; 9:30 a.m.

OUR CALL

The List

The BG News presents the top five big men in college basketball because that seems to be the type of season it is.

1. Kevin Durant-

Texas: This guy might go before Greg Oden in the draft, he's got all the same skills, and he's not as rough around the edges. 24 points and 11 boards a game.

2. Greg Oden- Ohio

State: He's already being talked about as the Player of the Year and he's only played 13 games averaging 15 and 10 and he shoots 65 percent.

3. Nick Fazekas-

Nevada [below]: His numbers are great, they have been for three years now. He's putting up 20 points and 11.6 rebounds a game.

4. Joaquin Noah-

Florida: He might not have great numbers with 13 points and 8.5 rebounds but he shoots 66 percent and is a ball of constant energy.

5. Tyler Hansborough

- UNC: He's got 18.5 points and 8 boards and is probably sharing the front-court with Freshman of the Year candidate Brandon Wright.



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GOING UP: BG's Carin Horne (14) shoots over Amanda Parker (44) of WMU to score in the first half of Wednesday's game.

Birds do battle

The Falcons travel up to Ypsilanti, Mich., Sunday to take on the Eagles

By Colin Wilson
Assistant Sports Editor

The BG women's basketball team is heading into its toughest Mid-American Conference game to date at Eastern Michigan Sunday. The Eagles are 6-1 in the MAC this year and have already won key games against Northern Illinois and Kent State.

Eastern is led by forward Sarah Van Metre and guards Patrice McKinney and Alyssa Pittman. The trio has combined for about 48 points per game in MAC play.

The Falcons are coming off a 90-62 win against Western Michigan, but don't put much stock in their staggering 32-game conference win streak and their 10-game overall win streak though.

"We don't talk about those streaks at all. Honestly, when we

"They are going to come out fired up to play us, and we have to match their effort and intensity."

Kate Achter | Point Guard

won our 16th game, we talked about the fact that we guaranteed ourselves a winning record for the season," said coach Curt Miller after Wednesday's game. "We know that you are one play, one injury away from going on a losing streak. Maybe I'm a glass-half-empty guy. We don't talk about that streak."

The Falcons are now 17-2 and have won 51 of their last 57 games

since Feb. 23, 2005. If the Falcons are not talking about those numbers, their opponents are.

"Every game we play, we know that teams are going to have the shot-out-of-a-cannon effect, as we call it," said guard Kate Achter. "They are going to come out fired up to play us, and we have to match their effort and intensity."

Eastern has been a great rivalry for the Falcons; the teams have gone 4-4 against one another during Miller's tenure. The loss of standout players Ryan Coleman and Nikki Knapp have not slowed the Eagles at all.

If Wednesday's game was a "breakout" game for the Falcons, they picked a great night for it.

"Yes, it was a breakout game for us. We had not played well, and

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Federer ousts Roddick in Aussie semi-finals

By John Pye
The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — If he could pick any player from any era to test himself against, Roger Federer would like a shot at Rod Laver or Bjorn Borg.

Laver, the last man to win all four majors in one season, was in the stadium that carries his name yesterday to witness Federer dismantle Andy Roddick in the Australian Open semifinals. After what he saw, Laver would just as soon stick to meeting Federer in the locker room — after the matches.

Federer likes to put on a show when Laver is at Rod Laver Arena, and called his 6-4, 6-0, 6-2 victory over Roddick his best match in Melbourne.

"I had one of these days when everything worked," the Swiss star said. "I was unbeatable. I was play-



MARK BAKER | AP PHOTO

GAME, SET, MATCH: Roger Federer reacts after his semifinal match against Andy Roddick of the U.S. at the Australian Open tennis tournament yesterday.

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Ohio University to cut four varsity programs

ATHENS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio University is dropping three men's varsity sports and one women's program to save money and to help meet a federal requirement that men's and women's athletic scholarships roughly equal the ratio of men and women on campus.

Athletic director Kirby Hocutt said yesterday that men's swimming and diving, men's indoor track and field, men's outdoor track and field and women's lacrosse will be discontinued after this school year.

That will leave Ohio with 16 varsity programs, the Division I-A minimum.

The university, located about 70 miles southeast from Columbus, is committed to being a Division I-A program, Hocutt said in a statement released by the university.

"Yet we are faced with some significant problems that have been in existence for several years," he said. "If we don't make these tough decisions now, we would place our entire program at risk."

Hocutt said eliminating the programs would save \$685,000. The athletic department expects a \$4 million deficit this year but hopes to balance its budget by 2011, he said.

Ohio University is the eighth Mid-American Conference member to eliminate varsity programs since 1999, including two schools in Ohio. Miami University eliminated men's tennis, soccer and wrestling in 1999, and Bowling Green cut men's tennis, swimming and indoor and outdoor track and field in 2002. Bowling Green already had dropped wrestling and men's lacrosse.

Hocutt said dropping the men's programs was the only way to comply with Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972.

"We are not in the financial position to add a women's program, and therefore must take alternative measures to continue our commitment to compliance with this federal statute," he said.

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Cavaliers' James has X-rays on sore big toe

By Tom Withers
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — X-rays taken on LeBron James' sore right big toe were negative and the Cleveland Cavaliers are hoping their superstar forward doesn't have to miss any upcoming games.

James injured his toe during the recent West Coast road trip and aggravated it during Wednesday night's double-overtime loss to the Philadelphia 76ers. James scored a season-high 39 points — 13 in the second OT — and played 53 minutes.

"He stubbed his toe a few games ago, and he hit it again last night," coach Mike Brown said after practice yesterday.

After getting tests done on his toe at the Cleveland Clinic, James did not take part in Cleveland's light workout before the team flew to Philadelphia tonight. James was not available for comment.

Brown expects James to be in the lineup against the Sixers.

James' injury doesn't appear to be serious, good news for the Cavaliers, who are playing their worst ball of the season. Cleveland has lost five of six overall, including two in a row at home.

After having the Eastern Conference's best record for weeks, the Cavaliers are in second place behind Detroit in the Central Division and only lead fourth-place Indiana by two games.

The Cavs blamed a lackluster effort and loss to Orlando last Monday to being too tired from a seven-game road trip. Brown isn't buying it, and is eager to get his team out of its current funk.

"I'm a no-excuse guy," he said. "We've still got to win ball games. Everybody faces tough stretches like this and somehow, somehow we've got to dig down and find a way to win. We know we can play better than what we've played."

"You get tired of talking about it, you've just got to go out there and do it."

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Every Friday, we ask you about the issues affecting sports today

What do YOU think?

Which Falcon head coach has done the least to merit a contract renewal?



Jeff Inselmann — Senior

"With attendance like it is and the team struggling to be .500, I'd say Gregg Brandon."

Drew Bishop — Junior

"Gregg Brandon. He had a good year with Urban Meyer's recruits, but since then hasn't really done anything to get his contract renewed."



Brandon Ybarra — Junior

"Dan Dakich because we're not getting the right players that we need."



Jeremy Green — Sophomore

"Coach Brandon. We lost to Temple."



FEDERER

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ing out of my mind. I am shocked myself."

The win put him in his seventh consecutive Grand Slam final, tying a record set by Jack Crawford in 1934, and left him only one victory from a 10th Grand Slam title. He will meet the winner of the Fernando Gonzalez-Tommy Haas semifinal in Sunday's championship match.

With seemingly few challengers among his contemporaries, Federer is often asked about facing one of the greats from another time — Laver and Borg come to his mind.

Both won 11 majors — Borg from 16 finals spanning 1974 to '81, and Laver in a five-season run wedged around his absence from the Grand Slam tournaments from 1963-67.

By Sunday, Federer is likely to be only one major title behind, although Laver expects him to go a lot further and break Pete Sampras' record of 14 Grand Slam titles.

"I think the art of Roger is probably the best player I've ever seen ... The way he's compiling the Grand Slam titles, I think he's got a great chance of being the best ever," Laver said.

The 68-year-old Laver made a rare return to Melbourne from California to marvel Federer again.

"Roger's got too many shots, too much talent in one body," Laver said. "It's hardly fair that one person can do all this — his backhands, his forehands, volleys, serving, his court position ... the way he moves around the court, you feel like he's barely touching the ground. That's the sign of a great champion."

And that's a daunting prospect for Gonzalez or Haas. Haas, a two-time semifinalist in Australia, has never reached a Grand Slam final. Gonzalez is into the semis at a major for the first time.

Roddick, who beat Federer in an exhibition tournament less than two weeks ago and had match points against him at the Masters Cup last November, rated the prospect of an upset as "slim."

The women's final tomorrow features top-seeded Maria Sharapova against No. 81-ranked Serena Williams. Despite the ranking disparity, nobody is counting Williams out.

Gilbert, Bubolz show off new hockey team's plan

By Tom Withers
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Scaring fans into their seats — and keeping them there — will be the goal of the Lake Erie Monsters, the city's new minor league hockey team.

With artificial fog and dimmed lights setting an eerie mood, owner Dan Gilbert unveiled the team nickname, logo and colors for the American Hockey League affiliate that will begin play at Quicken Loans Arena next season.

The Monsters, whose logo consists of a black reptile-like head and two bright yellow eyes peering above a blue water surface, will operate as the primary feeder for the NHL's Colorado Avalanche.

"We expect Monster Hockey to be a smash hit with fans and can't wait to develop what will be one of the most exciting, energy-packed game atmospheres in the AHL," Gilbert, the Cleveland Cavaliers' owner, said yesterday. "Just like Cavaliers games, our fans are going to have a blast and help create that special home-ice advantage for our players."

Gilbert promised "fun, family entertainment" at Monster games, and said tickets would be affordable for fans in the mid-



THOMAS ONDREY | AP PHOTO

WELCOME! Kerry Bubolz, Lake Erie Monsters president, displays some promotional material heralding the arrival of the new AHL hockey team at a Quicken Loans Arena news conference launching the new team.

size market. Like the Cavs, the Monsters plan corporate programs, group rates and other promotions to lure avid hockey fans as well as newcomers to the sport.

In recent years, minor league hockey has been a tough sell in Cleveland, which has seen several affiliates come and go.

Poor ticket sales drove the Cleveland Barons, the top minor-league affiliate of the San Jose Sharks, to Worcester, Mass., after last season. The Barons had replaced the Cleveland Lumberjacks, a moderately successful International Hockey League club that folded along with the league in 2001.

Quicken Loans president

Len Komoroski, who previously worked for the Lumberjacks, feels the Monsters can thrive partly because the AHL no longer competes with the IHL for players, creating a better product.

Also, Cleveland has a strong hockey history — the city has supported teams dating to the 1930s — and there is interest throughout the region because of a large number of youth hockey organizations.

"There's a pulse and heart-beat for hockey here that is very strong," Komoroski said. "All we're going to do is revive that ember, blow on it and turn it into a raging fire. It will be successful."

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this is just the way we think," Miller said. "This is a blue-collar program, and the sum is greater than its parts."

Its parts had a pretty good night at Western Michigan. Ali Mann had 21 points and Kate Achter added 19 as BG shot a scorching 56 percent from the field and 44 percent from beyond the arc. The point total of 90 was the Falcons second-highest this season.

The defense was stellar again as the Falcons forced 25 turnovers, which generated 31 points. There were 16 steals in the game for BG. If the Falcons can reproduce that performance against Eastern's dangerous trio, it will be a good night.

"Offense wins games, defense wins championships. That's what we pride our program on, playing defense and getting stops," Achter said. "There are times in practices where we dread the defensive sections. But, defense has been our bread and butter."

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Brown said he has tried the soft and tough approach with his players.

"I've gotten mad at them. My toe hurts from kicking something," he said. "But you play too many games for me to go ballistic every time we don't play well. It isn't going to do me good and it isn't going to do the team good. You have to use other tactics but they've seen two different sides of me."

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The move will affect 87 students on scholarship, Hocutt said. Those who stay at Ohio will receive grants-in-aid for their remaining eligibility, and the university will help students transfer to another college that offers their sport.

Swimming and diving coach Greg Werner and track and

field coach Clay Calkin will be retained at their current salaries and will continue coaching their respective sports in the women's program.

Ohio has competed in track and field since the early 1900s, and swimming and diving was made a varsity sport for men in 1935. The women's lacrosse program was reinstated in 1999 after competing as a varsity sport from the late 1960s through 1982.

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The Uncertain 5 terrorize Howard's Club H tonight with help from Toledo's We Are the Fury and Akron's electro/power-pop titans, Trillit. As always, things kick off at 9 p.m. and tickets are \$5. Power-poppers Rediscover bailed out at the last minute.

Children of Children Exhibition

takes a sobering, non-objective look at teenage pregnancy through the lens of photographer Michael Nye. The free exhibit at the Toledo Museum of Art will run through the March 11.

Menopause the Musical

turns a taboo terror of middle-age into a farcical off-Broadway musical. The production will run through Jan. 28 at the Collingwood Arts Center in Toledo. Tickets start at \$37.

Attacked by Wolves CD Release Party

takes over Club Bijou for the night and unveils their bittersweet indie debut, "Ohio" with help from The Undeserving, Purple Crayon and more.

SATURDAY



Tom Chapin brings his Grammy-winning children's music to Monroe County College's La-Z-Boy Center. Tickets are \$15 and the show begins at 7:30 p.m.

Toledo Auto Show cruises into Toledo's SeaGate Convention Centre until Jan. 28. For \$5 auto enthusiasts can wander aimlessly from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m.



Free Show at Howard's Club H featuring local acts Bancroft, The Tapes and Subvinyt. Doors open at 9 p.m.

SUNDAY

"Man of La Mancha" is a minimalist Broadway production of the life and death of Don Quixote. The Tony award-winning musical is playing in Toledo's Valentine Theater and tickets start at \$38.

THEY SAID IT

"I am not going to give you a number because it's not my job to do intelligent work."

Donald Rumsfeld | former Secretary of Defense

Girls get wet and wild at Gator's for lovely lady lumps

By Johnny Payne
Assistant Pulse Editor

Most people think of wet T-shirt contests as the result of too much drink and too few inhibitions. But at a Toledo nightclub last night, one of these hedonistic competitions gave four girls the chance to make their dreams come true.

As part of a program on the

"A lot of girls want boob jobs today. It's like changing a tire; it's no big deal anymore."

Mike Howard | Owner, Gator's

Fox Reality Channel, Gator's Bar and Grill hosted the finals of a three-week contest last night.

The victor of the competition will be one step closer to co-starring in a four-part series on Fox's daily "Reality Remix" show and a breast augmentation surgery valued at \$10,000.

"Whoever the crowd deems the winner will get \$500 and get sent up to Pontiac, MI," explained Gator's owner Mike Howard.

Pontiac's Sevin Nightclub will

hold the last round of the slippery contests tomorrow, with stiff competition and audience members expected.

According to Howard, the winner will join former "Real World" member and current contestant on MTV's "The Duel" Robin Hibbard at Michigan's Cosmedic Surgery Center for the procedure. Hibbard will unsurprisingly have her breast reduction

filmed as part of Fox's show.

"A lot of girls want boob jobs today," Howard said. "It's like changing a tire: It's no big deal anymore."

University junior Myles James shared Howard's indifference about the potentially scandalous "Boob Job Giveaway."

"If all expenses are paid, the

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The hardest working man in show biz takes a final bow

But students living in America don't know his name

By Chelci Howard
Reporter

It was literally a silent night this Christmas for the family and fans of legendary soul man, James Brown.

Brown showed up for a dentist appointment on Dec. 24, when according to the New York Beacon, his dentist, Dr. Terry Reynolds, noticed that Brown looked "very weak and dazed." He urged Brown to immediately check himself into a local hospital.

Even though his condition continued to worsen with the oncom-

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TOP TEN SINGLES BILLBOARD TOP R&B SINGLES

1956: "Please, Please, Please"	#5	1965: "Papa's Got a Brand New Bag"	#1	1971: "Make It Funky"	#1
1959: "Try Me"	#1	1966: "It's a Man's Man's Man's World"	#1	1972: "Get On The Good Foot"	#1
1960: "Think"	#7	1967: "Cold Sweat"	#1	1973: "Sexy, Sexy, Sexy"	#6
1961: "Baby, You're Right"	#2	1968: "I Got The Feelin'"	#1	1974: "My Thang"	#1
1962: "Lost Someone"	#7	1969: "Give It Up Or Turnit A Loose"	#1	1976: "Get Up Offa That Thing"	#4
1963: "Prisoner of Love"	#6	1970: "Super Bad"	#1	1988: "I'm Real"	#2

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"The Change" provides humor for theatergoers

By Sarah Moore
Reporter

The majority of college females throughout campus are between the ages of 18 and 22. The aches, the pains, the ups and the downs are an unfortunately common part of life for the female gender, even before they reach the bench mark menopausal age.

However, the production titled "Menopause The Musical," written by Jeanie Linders, can still be viewed by college women today as a comedic prelude to what they can possibly expect many years from now.

Linders was first inspired to write this production about women who are going through, just about to go through or have survived the various changes that a woman experiences later on in

life, by the combination of a bottle of wine and a hot flash. The show stresses that menopause should not be dreaded. Instead, it reinforces that 'The Change' is a normal passage in life.

Twenty-five famous songs from the 60s and 70s are performed as parodies, including "I Heard It Thru the Grapevine; You No Longer See 39" and "Stayin' Awake! Stayin' Awake!"

The setting begins with four women who find themselves at a Bloomingdale's lingerie sale, realizing that they have more things in common than a black lace bra.

The musical has since become a women's movement that includes extras such as a magazine, an art show and a nonprofit charity.

On the musical's Web site,

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Local Wolves attack Toledo ears

By Emily Rippe
Reporter

Next time you walk into a music store, check out the W section and count how many 'Wolf Bands' there are. There's Wolfmother, Wolf Parade, Wolf Eyes, Guitar Wolf, Steppenwolf; you get the point — wolves happen to influence many musicians, especially when it comes to naming their bands.

And even though the word might be imitated, 'Wolf Bands' are never duplicated. A perfect example of this is Attacked By Wolves, a wolf band straight out of Toledo. You probably neglected them because they are not shelved under "W." Wolves have a tendency to be sly.

Originally starting as a joke band, twoguitar players Jordan Powers and Josh Jones played



PHOTO PROVIDED

METALESS: Toledo band Attacked By Wolves will release their new album "Ohio" into the wild at the Underground, which is located behind Club Bijou in Toledo. Tickets are \$7 at the door, but with a special Myspace coupon, tickets will be reduced to \$5.

acoustic sets in clubs around Toledo. They soon found that their music sounded better with drums behind it and created a wolf band of their own.

"We wanted something cheesy," Powers said. "People expect to see some kind of metal band and they get us."

Attacked By Wolves produce a sound that is hard to define. But rest assured it is anything but metal. When describing the type of music they play, Powers called it Indie power pop.

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ing hours, reportedly Brown was looking forward to performing a New Year's Eve show at Count Basie Theater in New Jersey. He turned to his family and friends and said, "I'm going to be there. I'm the hardest working man in show business."

The next morning, Brown, 73, died of complications of pneumonia which resulted in congestive heart failure.

The events to follow were as flamboyant as the life that Brown led. There were a series of funerals in Brown's name, including a special viewing at the infamous Apollo Theater in the Harlem district of New York. Shortly after, legal issues erupted between Brown's six adult children and the trustees

of his estate that he appointed in 2000. The legal issues included the final resting place of the self-proclaimed "Godfather of Soul." Throughout the litigation, Brown's body has been kept at his home in Columbia, S.C. in a temperature-controlled room that is being constantly monitored by security guards.

Even though Brown has yet to be buried, it appears that in the minds of many students, he was buried a long time ago.

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Children of Children Exhibition

takes a sobering, non-objective look at teenage pregnancy through the lens of photographer Michael Nye. The free exhibit at the Toledo Museum of Art will run through the March 11.

Menopause the Musical

turns a taboo terror of middle-age into a farcical off-Broadway musical. The production will run through Jan. 28 at the Collingwood Arts Center in Toledo. Tickets start at \$37.

Attacked by Wolves CD Release Party

takes over Club Bijou for the night and unveils their bittersweet indie debut, "Ohio" with help from The Undeserving, Purple Crayon and more.

SATURDAY



Tom Chapin brings his Grammy-winning children's music to Monroe County College's La-Z-Boy Center. Tickets are \$15 and the show begins at 7:30 p.m.

Toledo Auto Show

cruises into Toledo's SeaGate Convention Centre until Jan. 28. For \$5 auto enthusiasts can wander aimlessly from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m.



Free Show at Howard's Club H

featuring local acts Bancroft, The Tapes and Subvinyt. Doors open at 9 p.m.

SUNDAY

"Man of La Mancha"

is a minimalist Broadway production of the life and death of Don Quixote. The Tony award-winning musical is playing in Toledo's Valentine Theater and tickets start at \$38.

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"I am not going to give you a number because it's not my job to do intelligent work."

Donald Rumsfeld | former Secretary of Defense

Girls get wet and wild at Gator'z for lovely lady lumps

By Johnny Payne
Assistant Pulse Editor

Most people think of wet T-shirt contests as the result of too much drink and too few inhibitions. But at a Toledo nightclub last night, one of these hedonistic competitions gave four girls the chance to make their dreams come true.

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Fox Reality Channel, Gator'z Bar and Grill hosted the finals of a three-week contest last night.

The victor of the competition will be one step closer to co-starring in a four-part series on Fox's daily "Reality Remix" show and a breast augmentation surgery valued at \$10,000.

"Whoever the crowd deems the winner will get \$500 and get sent up to Pontiac, MI," explained Gator'z owner Mike Howard.

Pontiac's Sevin Nightclub will

hold the last round of the slippery contests tomorrow, with stiff competition and audience members expected.

According to Howard, the winner will join former "Real World" member and current contestant on MTV's "The Duel" Robin Hibbard at Michigan's Cosmedic Surgery Center for the procedure. Hibbard will unsurprisingly have her breast reduction

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University junior Myles James shared Howard's indifference about the potentially scandalous "Boob Job Giveaway."

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The hardest working man in show biz takes a final bow

But students living in America don't know his name

By Chelci Howard
Reporter

It was literally a silent night this Christmas for the family and fans of legendary soul man, James Brown.

Brown showed up for a dentist appointment on Dec. 24, when according to the New York Beacon, his dentist, Dr. Terry Reynolds, noticed that Brown looked "very weak and dazed." He urged Brown to immediately check himself into a local hospital.

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TOP TEN SINGLES BILLBOARD TOP R&B SINGLES

1956: "Please, Please, Please"	#5	1965: "Papa's Got a Brand New Bag"	#1	1971: "Make It Funky"	#1
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"The Change" provides humor for theatergoers

By Sarah Moore
Reporter

The majority of college females throughout campus are between the ages of 18 and 22. The aches, the pains, the ups and the downs are an unfortunately common part of life for the female gender, even before they reach the bench mark menopausal age.

However, the production titled "Menopause The Musical," written by Jeanie Linders, can still be viewed by college women today as a comedic prelude to what they can possibly expect many years from now.

Linders was first inspired to write this production about women who are going through, just about to go through or have survived the various changes that a woman experiences later on in

life, by the combination of a bottle of wine and a hot flash. The show stresses that menopause should not be dreaded. Instead, it reinforces that 'The Change' is a normal passage in life.

Twenty-five famous songs from the 60s and 70s are performed as parodies, including "I Heard It Thru the Grapevine; You No Longer See 39" and "Stayin' Awake! Stayin' Awake!"

The setting begins with four women who find themselves at a Bloomingdale's lingerie sale, realizing that they have more things in common than a black lace bra.

The musical has since become a women's movement that includes extras such as a magazine, an art show and a nonprofit charity.

On the musical's Web site,

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Local Wolves attack Toledo ears

By Emily Rippe
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Next time you walk into a music store, check out the W section and count how many 'Wolf Bands' there are. There's Wolfmother, Wolf Parade, Wolf Eyes, Guitar Wolf, Steppenwolf; you get the point — wolves happen to influence many musicians, especially when it comes to naming their bands.

And even though the word might be imitated, 'Wolf Bands' are never duplicated. A perfect example of this is Attacked By Wolves, a wolf band straight out of Toledo. You probably neglected them because they are not shelved under "W." Wolves have a tendency to be sly.

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"We wanted something cheesy," Powers said. "People expect to see some kind of metal band and they get us."

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ing hours, reportedly Brown was looking forward to performing a New Year's Eve show at Count Basie Theater in New Jersey. He turned to his family and friends and said, "I'm going to be there. I'm the hardest working man in show business."

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Pascaris also mentioned that the subject matter is not embarrassing when it comes down to it.

"It's a huge liberating experience," she said. "I actually see a lot of women in tears saying 'Thank you for making me feel normal.' It's a female bonding experience."

"Menopause The Musical" will be playing a benefit at the Collingwood Arts Center in Toledo from Jan. 24-28. Tickets can be purchased by calling 1-800-838-3006.

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Ohio health department cracks down

By John Seewer
The Associated Press

Smokers flaunting Ohio's indoor smoking ban will get off with a warning just once. After that, it's a \$100 fine, according to rules proposed Thursday by the state health department.

Business owners will face even bigger penalties for multiple violations — a \$2,500 fine for fifth time offenders.

The rules outlined by the Ohio Department of Health after a series of public hearings set in motion plans for adopting the final smoking ban rules.

There will be another public hearing next month before a legislative committee makes a final decision. State health officials hope to begin enforcing the ban and imposing fines in April.

"We're going to see the majority of Ohio businesses complying with this law," said Tracy Sabetta, a spokeswoman for the American Cancer Society and co-chairwoman of the smoking ban ballot campaign.

Fines could be doubled against businesses that are frequent violators, and the health department could seek civil action against any willful violators, she said.

"We're confident we won't see any of those," Sabetta said.

A big concern for bar owners is how quickly the fines can escalate — from \$100 for a second violation to \$1,000 for a fourth offense, said Jacob Evans, a lobbyist for the Ohio Licensed Beverage Association.

He said a business could be fined for not having the proper signs or improperly storing their ashtrays used in outside smoking areas. Some business owners also are worried that they could be fined based on anonymous complaints.

"It's a little scary," he said. The smoking ban, approved by voters in November, covers most public places, including restaurants, bars and offices, but it includes exemptions for retail tobacco stores, designated hotel rooms and enclosed areas of nursing homes.

The rules don't make any exceptions for veterans halls.

The leader of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Ohio had sought an exemption that would allow VFW posts to set aside an area for members to smoke. The group now is considering a new ballot initiative that would exempt VFW halls from the ban.

Calif. woman saves husband from lion

By Lisa Leff
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Wildlife officials on Thursday credited a woman with saving her husband's life by clubbing a mountain lion that attacked him while the couple were hiking in a California state park.

Jim and Nell Hamm, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary next month, were hiking in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park when the lion pounced.

"He didn't scream. It was a different, horrible plea for help, and I turned around, and by then the cat had wrestled Jim to the ground," Nell Hamm said in an interview from the hospital where her husband was recovering from a torn scalp, puncture wounds and other injuries.

After the attack, game wardens closed the park about 320 miles north of San Francisco and released hounds to track the lion. They later shot and killed a pair of lions found near the trail where the attack happened.

The carcasses were flown to a state forensics lab to determine if either animal mauled the man.

Although the Hammes are experienced hikers, neither had seen a mountain lion before Jim Hamm was mauled, his wife said. Nell Hamm said she grabbed a four-inch-wide log and beat the animal with it, but it would not release its hold on her husband's head.

"Jim was talking to me all through this, and he said, 'I've

got a pen in my pocket and get the pen and jab him in the eye,'" she said. "So I got the pen and tried to put it in his eye, but it didn't want to go in as easy as I thought it would."

When the pen bent and became useless, Nell Hamm went back to using the log. The lion eventually let go and, with blood on its snout, stood staring at the woman. She screamed and waved the log until the animal walked away.

"She saved his life, there is no doubt about it," said Steve Martarano, a spokesman for the Department of Fish and Game.

Nell Hamm, 65, said she was scared to leave her dazed, bleeding husband alone, so the couple walked a quarter-mile to a trail head, where she gathered branches to protect them if more lions came around. They waited until a ranger came by and summoned help.

"My concern was to get Jim out of there," she said. "I told him, 'Get up, get up, walk,' and he did."

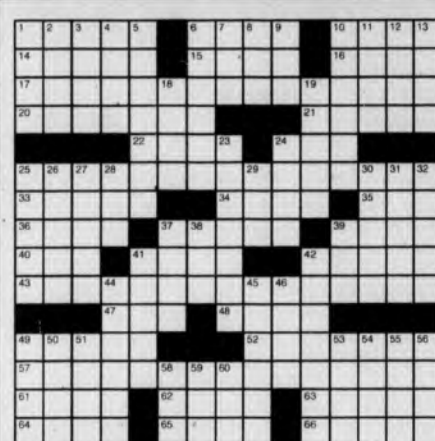
Jim Hamm, 70, was in fair condition Thursday. He had to have his lips stitched back together and underwent surgery for lacerations on his head and body. He told his wife he still wants to make the trip to New Zealand they planned for their anniversary, she said.

Nell Hamm warned people never to hike in the backcountry alone. Park rangers told the couple if Jim Hamm had been alone, he probably would not have survived.

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- 17 Swellheads' group?
- 20 Muse of music
- 21 Greek letters
- 22 Dogs and cats
- 24 DDE's political opponent
- 25 Visitors' group?
- 33 Love in Limoges
- 34 Harvest
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- 57 Couturiers' group?
- 61 Presidential rejection
- 62 Golfer's cry
- 63 Indian, for one
- 64 Lendl or Pavlov
- 65 Saline drop
- 66 Seasonal songs

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 - 2 Stocking shade
 - 3 Working away
 - 4 Ocean motion
 - 5 Like boogies
 - 6 Gun lock
 - 7 Land in the Seine?
 - 8 Reverse pic
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 - 11 Expansive
 - 12 Canadian prov.
 - 13 Not as many
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 - 19 Traffic congestion
 - 23 Forage crop
 - 24 Petri dish medium
 - 25 Gulf of Mex. neighbor
 - 26 Stomachs of ruminants
 - 27 Show signs of grief
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 - 29 Professional charge
 - 30 Medicinal plant
 - 31 Get into condition
 - 32 Wise men
 - 37 Bean curd
 - 38 Capital attachment?
 - 39 Lanka preceder
 - 41 Snoots
 - 42 Flight formation
 - 44 Eurasian plum
 - 45 Usher
 - 46 Old Cosby series
 - 49 Letters for 606
 - 50 Alt.
 - 51 First name in spies
 - 53 Anticrime acronym
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